

# Why You're Not Good At Everything

"What Doesn't Kill You Makes You Stronger", Part 6 of 7  
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## I) THREE TRAITS THAT SHAPE OUR ABILITIES

- 1) We all have STRENGTHS: Things we're really good at.
- 2) We all have WEAKNESSES: Things we're not so good at.
- 3) We all have LIMITATIONS: Things we can't do well at all.

## II) WHY GOD GIVES US THESE UNIQUE TRAITS

- 1) God gives us STRENGTHS to build our CONFIDENCE.

"God has given each of you some special abilities ..." (1 Peter 4:10a, LB)

"I can do everything through Him who gives me the strength." (Philippians 4:13, NIV)

- 2) God gives us WEAKNESSES to build our DEPENDENCE.

"We have this treasure from God, but we are like clay jars that hold the treasure. This shows that the great power is from God, not from us." (2 Corinthians 4:7, NCV)

"Apart from Me you can do nothing."

(John 15:4-5, NIV)

- 3) God gives us LIMITATIONS to build our FAITH.

"We are pressed on every side by troubles, but not crushed or broken. We are perplexed ...but we don't give up and quit. We are hunted down, but God never abandons us. We get knocked down, but we get up again and keep going. Yes, we live under constant danger to our lives because we serve the Lord, but this gives us constant opportunities to show forth the power of Jesus Christ within our dying bodies."

(2 Corinthians 4:8-9 & 11, LB)

## III) GROWING STRONGER THRU YOUR "SWL's"

### Developing Confidence, Dependence and Faith In God

#### 1) Developing confidence:

Spend your BEST TIME using your strengths.

"God has given gifts to each of you from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Manage them well so that God's generosity can flow through you. Are you called to be a speaker? Then speak as though God himself were speaking through you. Are you called to help others? Do it with all the strength and energy God supplies."

(1 Peter 4:10-11a, NLT)

#### 2) Developing dependence:

Welcome God's PERFECT POWER in handling your weaknesses.

"Therefore, I have cheerfully made up my mind to be proud of my weaknesses, because they mean a deeper experience of the power of Christ."

(1 Corinthians 12:9b, JB)

#### 3) Developing faith:

Engage God's GENEROUS GRACE in overcoming your limitations.

"... how hard it was when all this came down on us in Asia province. It was so bad we didn't think we were going to make it... that it was all over for us. As it turned out, it was the best thing that could have happened. Instead of trusting in our own strength or wits to get out of it, we were forced to trust God totally— not a bad idea since he's the God who raises the dead! And he did it... And he'll do it again, rescuing us as many times as we need rescuing."

(2 Corinthians 1:8-10, The Message)

"The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in Him, and I am helped."

(Psalm 28:7, NIV)